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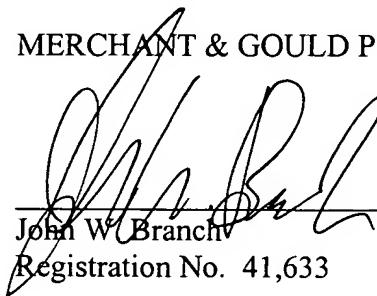
The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above-identified amendment to the specification, as the amendment does not require additional time in the preparation of an Office Action. Moreover, the amendment does not introduce new matter, or affect any claims.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully Submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

In accordance with CFR § 1.121, a marked-up version of the amended paragraph in the specification showing all changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph is given below.

Please amend the specification on page 1, lines 7-8, as follows:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/255,851 filed on December 14, 2000, which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

